## Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Chief, Language and Area School

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FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

## SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

## OTHER ACTIVITIES В.

25X1 discussed the new program with 1. 25X1 former C/SE, who expressed great interest. did appear to feel that an offering such as ours would have more appeal and 25X1 more utility if it were aimed at a specific area. | also dis-25X1 25X1 (DC/WE), (EE), cussed the program with 25X1 (OCI), who likewise showed keen interest. and showed a preference for concentration on a single like thought that prospective 25X1 25X1 disagreeing with country. field personnel with desirable traits of personality and tempera-25X1 ment would benefit more from the course than would those who are 25X1 weak in these respects. 25X1 met with O'Donnell, Deputy On Friday last, Director of the Foreign Service institute; Gilbert, Cash and Koenig, all of the FSI; and Goodrich of ICA, to discuss the new program. Both FSI and ICA are undertaking similar programs, though neither of these has the depth of ours nor the concentration on inter-personal - as contrasted with inter-group - relation-

second and even third sequential offering.

This luncheon discussion has prompted me to sound out O'Donnell on our long-held idea for organizing an inter-agency area training round table. This would serve a purpose similar to that of the language round table and would meet perhaps quarterly. One matter for future discussion by such area training conferees is a suggestion made by O'Donnell for the production of 100-page country briefing guides slanted toward the needs of employees or dependents being introduced to a country.

ships. O'Donnell was particularly interested in the long-range

implication of a program such as this which pointed out could be extended to embrace more specific working studies as a 25X1

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4.	showed moderate interest in our "Saturday Special" for dependents and employees going to Western Europe for the first time, and promised to discuss the matter with his staff prior to the next offering on 18 April. Strong support for the AAO's was expressed this week by (TO for COMMO).
5•	Philip J. Farley, Secretary Dulles' Special Assistant for Disarmament and Atomic Energy Affairs, is committed to speak on 5 March in our forthcoming Current Problems Seminar on Free Europe. A second speaker on that date is desirable, and if we do not hear from this week, we will approach Paul Nitze or William Foster through Arthur Cox of the semior PP Staff, who is a member of the seminar.
6.	I have briefed on our area training program and specifically on the requirement for a regional survey course on latin America, which was levied on us in October 1958 by a memo from C/WH to D/TR. I had previously mentioned to C/OS both this requirement and DC/WH's recommendation of for chief instructor. While he lacks teaching experience, he did specialized in Latin American affairs in his graduate work and is our only present prospect for filling WH's requirement.  OCT, whom and I know well, is willing to serve as adviser in lining up appropriate guest specialists. We would like to be able to offer this course early in fiscal 1960.